

Announcements

2012 Heart Valve Summit: Medical, Surgical, and Interventional Decision Making

October 11–13, 2012
JW Marriott Chicago
Chicago, IL

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Course Overview:

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery and the American College of Cardiology once again are partnering to bring together CT surgeons and cardiologists in a cooperative, case-based course to address the rapid advances in the treatment of valvular heart disease. With the tradition of interactivity and practical decision making, the unique Heart Valve Summit is designed to engage participants in discussions, debates, and potential controversies surrounding real-world cases using renowned faculty on the cutting edge of the clinically relevant data for valvular heart disease management.

This inter-disciplinary course emphasizes clinical decision making while combining the most relevant medical, surgical and interventional options for patient care. Tools for management are rapidly advancing and can have significant impacts for the entire care team. Breakout sessions for cardiac surgeons, cardiologists, nurses, and physician assistants are designed to involve the specialists in managing their unique challenges from the team perspective.

Target Audience

This course is intended for cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists, interventional cardiologists, internists, nurses, physician assistants, and all health care professionals involved in the evaluation, diagnosis, and/or management of patients with valvular heart disease.

Accreditation

Physicians

This course has been approved for *AMA PRA Category I Credits*™.

Nurses

The American College of Cardiology Foundation is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

2012 Heart Failure Summit

21st Century Treatment of Heart Failure: Synchronizing Surgical and Medical Therapies for Better Outcomes

October 18-19, 2012

Intercontinental Hotel & Bank of America Conference Center
Cleveland, OH

The agenda and registration information are available at www.ccfme.org/heartfailure12

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Program Overview

The Kaufman Center for Heart Failure at Cleveland Clinic and The American Association for Thoracic Surgery have partnered once again to present an educational event for all health care providers who care for patients with heart failure—*21st Century Treatment of Heart Failure: Synchronizing Surgical and Medical Therapies for Better Outcomes*. Heart failure is not only a growing and costly problem but also one that is associated with significant morbidity and mortality. The increasing prevalence of heart failure is due to the aging population as well as the marked increase in survival of patients who suffered from myocardial infarction and valvular disease.

The current state of management, however, is far from optimal. Moreover, the therapeutic armamentarium has remained stagnant since the introduction of resynchronization devices, with no new therapies in development. Given the undertreatment of heart failure and the lack of new therapies, the focus of management has shifted to optimizing existing medical and device therapies, including long-term mechanical circulatory support.

Now in its 15th year, this Summit will feature a faculty of world-renowned cardiologists and cardiovascular surgeons who will offer a clinically relevant review and discussion of current and future therapies for managing heart failure.

Target Audience

This program is intended for cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, internists, nurses, physician assistants, perfusionists,